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House a-Twitter over MLAs' posts

POLITICS Alberta MLAs were given a tongue-lashing yesterday after being told to put their BlackBerrys away and refrain from logging posts on Twitter during question period.

Speaker Ken Kowalski told the legislature that he spotted six MLAs tapping on their BlackBerrys during question period.

"Let's deal with this or I am going to have to deal with this in an entirely different way," Kowalski said to MLAs.

Kowalski said he received a number of complaints from provincial politicians about how some members are logging onto Twitter during meetings in the legislature.

He said some messages by MLAs would appear moments before a question is asked in the House.

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Riding the Recession

Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

Metro Drive
• Put the brakes on car maintenance costs and keep the mechanic away, pg 12

Tomorrow
• We serve up some local meals for a steal.



Paris

Fashion

PASCAL ROSSIGNOL/REUTERS



A model presents a creation by British designer Alexander McQueen as part of his Fall/Winter 2009/10 ready-to-wear women's collection during Paris Fashion Week yesterday.

Backing the blue

Commission concerned about crime perceptions

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Canada would be thrilled to have 89 per cent population support them," Painchaud said.

A Calgary Police Commission survey conducted of 1,007 citizens last summer showed nine out of 10 respondents are satisfied or highly satisfied with the services provided.

However, police commission chair Denis Painchaud admitted while the numbers are high, they have been on an eight-year declining trend.

"I think that virtually any other police service in

"Year over year we see a decrease basically of one per cent a year. Is that much to get excited about? Probably not, but from a trend perspective, the trend has been there since 2000," he said, adding they are concerned.

While people are for the most part satisfied with their police services, 73 per cent of citizens of Calgary believe crime has increased since last year,

"Year over year we see a decrease basically of one per cent a year."

Denis Painchaud

even though stats say crime has decreased in past years. But that may not be the case, Painchaud said. "We haven't actually been convinced crime is down, we think that less people are reporting crime. This survey and the results verify that, so that is a concern for us," he

said.

"This is not a surprise to the Calgary police service. They don't believe crime is down, they believe reporting crime is decreasing for these very reasons."

Ald. John Mar, who now oversees the police commission, said he isn't surprised people perceive higher rates of crime.

"What we're seeing right now is a lot of conditions that give people the feeling of unease," Mar said. "News reports of violent crime certainly have a continually eroding effect."

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Five people charged after week-long drug probe

INVESTIGATION Five people have been charged after a week-long investigation into a drug trafficking operation.

One of the people charged is a known gang associate, according to Calgary police, who allegedly supplies mid-level dealers with drugs.

"This is part of a week-long investigation into marijuana and cocaine trafficking," said acting Staff Sgt. Ralph Veckenstedt.

Nicholas Neumann, 24, and John Hawes, 25, face charges relating to 485 grams of cocaine found in their car on March 5.

The next day, police found \$125,000 worth of cocaine and drug paraphernalia in the residence of Billy Reniva and Ilia Kosmak.

METRO CALGARY

Blame it on the Facebook post

EDUCATION Facebook comments posted in August 2008 by a University of Calgary student have him now facing academic probation.

Keith Pridgen initially faced two years probation, later reduced to six months after an appeal, for a post about one of his former law teachers, in the group: I no longer fear hell, I took a course with (instructor's name).

Pridgen claims he was exercising his right to free speech, careful not to be threatening.

According to reports, the U of C has no specific misconduct policy regarding Internet posts, though one is reportedly being developed.

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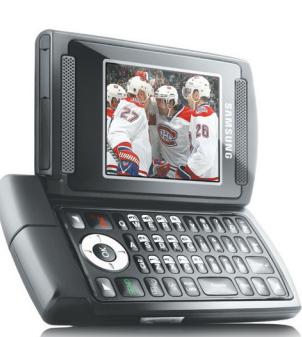
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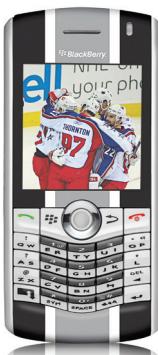
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Northwest home damaged in fire

Fire crews responded to an early morning house fire at 1040 — 78 Ave. NW yesterday and evacuated four adults, two children and a dog. The fire started in the kitchen and spread to the attic. No damage estimate is available yet. **METRO CALGARY**

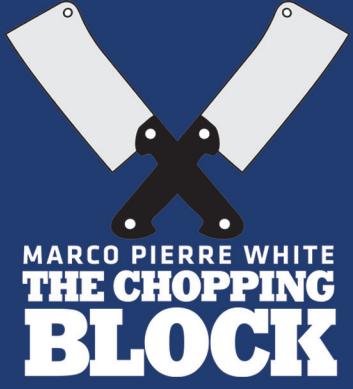
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Teen may have hitchhiked

Brooks RCMP believe a missing 13-year-old girl may have run away to British Columbia with another youth. Brittany Baron was last seen on Saturday but RCMP believe she may have hitchhiked with another youth named Cody Mitchell. She is believed to be wearing blue or red tights, a red hoodie and running shoes. Anyone with information is asked to call Brooks RCMP at (403) 362-5548.

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Passengers could not have survived crash, court hears

MANSLAUGHTER As Daniel Tschetter's trial continued yesterday, the court heard witnesses say it was obvious that no one in the car he hit could have survived.

Tschetter faces manslaughter charges after five people died 15 months ago when his cement truck rear-ended a sedan.

Witness Derek Zimmer said he saw the cement truck, going about 120 km/h, collide with the sedan and fly through the intersection. **METRO CALGARY**

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What's online today.

Video Harper says Canada is set to profit from global recession at [metronews.ca /canada](#)

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Adjey gets contest cooking

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He's far from an angry celebrity chef.

Rather than screaming at 20 of SAIT's cooking school students, Food Network chef David Adjey greeted them with words of encouragement yesterday.

About 25 per cent of culinary SAIT students will compete in September's WorldSkills competition in Calgary, which is expected to draw 150,000 spectators from around the world and bring in \$82 million in economic benefits for the city.

After donning his official white cowboy hat from Mayor Dave Bronconnier and yelling the obligatory "yahoo," Adjey said his role is to be the ultimate Canadian fan.

"I'd like to see some Canadian fanatics go at it and see the excitement that working in a kitchen is all about," he said. "I'm



Mayor Dave Bronconnier, Food Network celebrity chef David Adjey and Guy Mallabone, chair of WorldSkills Calgary 2009, take a tour through SAIT's Highwood Restaurant. The school's professional cooking students got an early taste of the international competition yesterday.

the super fan — they give me foam fingers or something."

The WorldSkills competition isn't just about cooking. Everything from robotics and automotive technology to electronic engineering, hairdressing and cooking will be on display.

"This is the largest competitive event to take place in Calgary since the 1988 Olympic Winter Games," said Bronconnier.

"With WorldSkills Calgary 2009 in September, we will once again be showcased on the world stage."

The competition takes

By the numbers

- 1,000 competitors
- 150,000 spectators
- 3,000 volunteers
- 50 countries represented
- 30 languages

place Sept. 1 to 7 at Stampede Park.

Sex offender released, cops warn residents

CRIME A sex offender with a history of assaulting women has been released after serving five years for sexual assault.

Acting Sgt. Michelle Hanley is warning the public that Sandeep Singh Dhadwal, 24, is now in the city and that his danger level may rise when he uses drugs or alcohol.


Sandeep Singh Dhadwal
"He has a history of violent sex assaults... and it's in

the best interest of the public to warn them of the danger," she said.

Hanley said the man also has a history of attacking strangers at night and using an accomplice who has never been identified. He is being monitored by police.

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Millions of birds culled illegally: Group
More than 1.1 million songbirds prized as culinary delicacies were illegally slaughtered by trappers in Cyprus in the past year, a conservation group said yesterday. **REUTERS**

World

Irish, Brits talk peace

Backlash fears raised after policeman, soldiers slain

Irish and British politicians vowed yesterday to defend the peace process between Northern Ireland's Protestants and Catholics after attacks on security forces by republican dissidents threatened a return to conflict.

The Continuity IRA killed a policeman on Monday, two days after another splinter group shot dead two British soldiers at an army base, in attacks that raised fears of a backlash from pro-British loyalists.

"These people, a small group of evil people, have the capacity to kill and to maim," said Irish Foreign Minister Micheal Martin at

Arrests

- A 17- and a 37-year-old were arrested in connection with the policeman's killing, police said yesterday.

a news conference with British ministers.

"What they don't have is the capacity to undermine the advances that we've made in society on the island of Ireland."

A 1998 power-sharing deal brought relative calm to Northern Ireland after 30 years of bloodshed between minority Irish Republican Catholics and pro-British

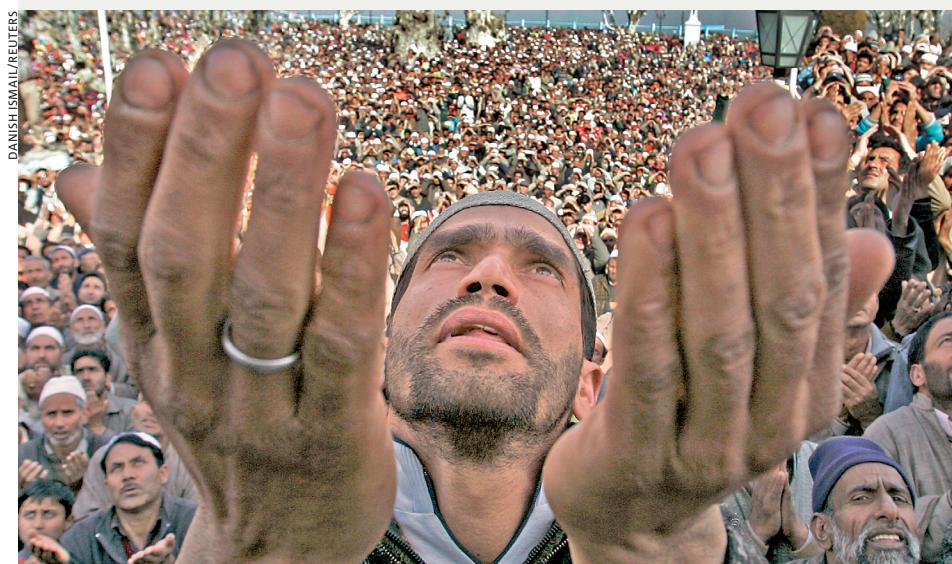
Protestants.

The Continuity IRA and the Real IRA, which claimed Saturday's attack, oppose the peace settlement and have pledged to keep up their fight until British rule is overthrown and Ireland united. They do not have widespread support in the province's Catholic community, with a membership in the low hundreds. But their actions have the potential to fuel tit-for-tat violence.

"That has to be a worry that there will be a reaction from loyalist paramilitaries who have more or less gone off the pitch," Ireland's Justice Minister Dermot Ahern said.

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Kashmir Special day of worship



A Muslim raises his hands as he looks at the relic of Mohammed on display during the Eid Milad-un-Nabi festival at the Hazratbal shrine in Indian Kashmir yesterday. Tens of thousands of Kashmiri Muslims offered special prayers during the anniversary of the birth of Mohammed.

News in brief

SHOOTING A shooting in southern Alabama killed at least 10 people yesterday afternoon, including the gunman, police confirmed. The shooting happened in Samson, Ala., about 15 miles from the Florida border, a police dispatcher told CNN.

BEHEADINGS Suspected drug gang hitmen dumped five severed human heads in ice coolers on a road in western Mexico yesterday with a message threatening rivals, a state attorney general's office said. Torturing and beheading rivals is common in Mexico's increasingly vicious drug war.

METRO NEWS SERVICE

Dalai Lama denounces Chinese presence in Tibet

ASIA The Dalai Lama said yesterday more and more Chinese were beginning to see a problem with Beijing's rule over Tibet, lamenting how the homeland he fled 50 years ago had become a "hell on earth."

Speaking before some 10,000 Tibetans from around the world, the 73-year-old slammed China for bringing "untold suffering and destruction" during a series of repressive, violent campaigns in Tibet since 1959.

"These thrust Tibetans into such depths of suffering and hardship that they literally experienced hell on earth," he said from the main Buddhist temple in Dharamsala, India, where the Tibetan government-in-exile is based.

China tightened security across ethnic Tibetan areas, aiming to head off potential unrest on the 50th anniversary of an uprising that prompted the Dalai Lama's flight into exile in India.

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A sign of the times

The West View

Paul Sullivan

Every Sunday morning at my house, a miracle happens. It's not what you're thinking; although it's the closest thing I have to a spiritual experience.

Because every Sunday morning the Sunday New York Times arrives on my doorstep.

There it is, brimming with substance, weighing in at five pounds (although it's gone on a diet lately) stuffed with "All the News That's Fit to Print," the world's greatest newspaper.

I sit down with a mug of fresh coffee and get lost for a couple of hours with great columnists, fantastic reporting from around

the globe and the New York Times Book Review, my very favourite thing. Via the Sunday Times, I reconnect weekly with the best of civilization.

So how can it be that this miracle is in jeopardy? That the Times, along with at least a dozen other major U.S. newspapers and Canwest, Canada's biggest newspaper chain, are in danger of dying if they aren't, like the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, already dead?

Well, it's a long story, kids, and because it is happening to journalists, it is being reported with extreme diligence. Check out: mediafade.blogspot.com, poynter.org or

j-source.ca for obsessive coverage. And for the unthinkable demise of the Times, go to theatlantic.com and read End Times: Can America's paper of record survive the death of newsprint? Can journalism? Shiver.

The newspaper industry is partially to blame for its own troubles: It has been slow and erratic in its response to the challenge of online and mobile news. You could argue it is a senseless act of wanton destruction to kill trees to publish the National Post. But the industry can hardly be blamed for the demise of the economy or that advertising revenue is drying up faster than ink on the page.

And while I admire the feistiness and pluck of the Metro chain and its commuter model, I have to wonder what

happens the day the big metro dailies die.

The coffee-mug-half-empty analysis is that newspapers and their handsomely funded newsrooms are the wellspring of the news and all the others — TV, radio and Google — are mainly parasites. And we're going to find out just what we've lost when they're gone.

But the coffee-mug-half-full analysis is that while it will change, the news will never die. People will always want to know what's going on and there will always be people with a nose for news who are ready to tell them. Does it matter how we get it, as long as we get it? And anyway, there's no news in a newspaper. By the time we get it, it's a museum, full of stuff we read online at least 24 hours ago. Let it go.

So why can't I let go? I guess I'm finally going to have to face it. While I was standing by the window waiting for the Times, the times just passed me by.

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Word on the street: Do you believe news media play an important role in today's society?

Steven Crane
age 18, Calgary

A: Yes, but I think politicians use the media to their own agenda.

Gia Smith
age 39, Calgary

A: Yes, because of the media, people get all the information they need and rely on.

Lori Macdonald
age 40,
Edmonton

A: Certainly it does, it's important for everybody to know what's going on in the world.

Loueiza Skaf
age 26, Ottawa

A: Of course. It gives us information and desensitizes us from what's going on in the world. It also prepares us.

Sayah Lee
age 29, Toronto

A: It can affect a lot of our emotions. It can desensitize our emotions.

Karl Williams
age 45,
Vancouver

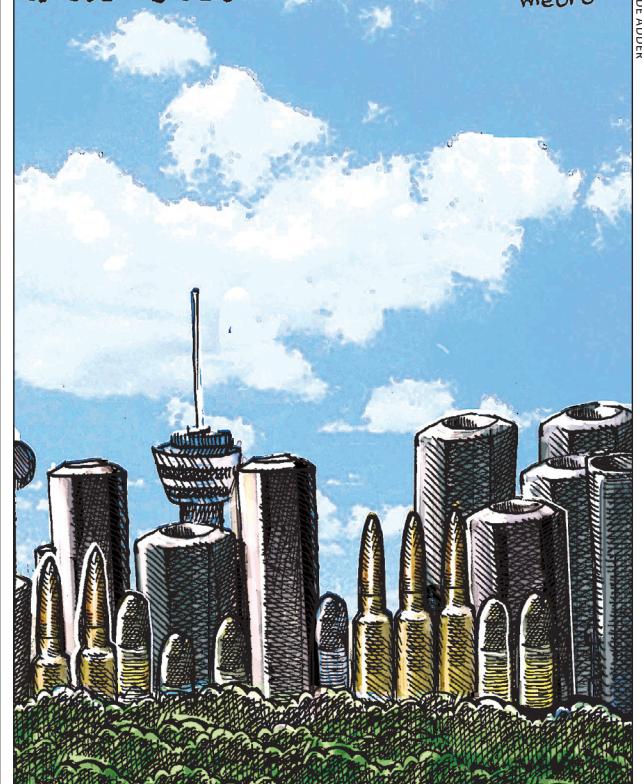
A: Definitely. Just because of all the current events that are brought out every day.



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Worth mentioning

Sea levels rising faster than expected: Scientists

The UN's climate change panel may be severely underestimating the sea-level rise caused by global warming, climate scientists said recently, calling for swift cuts in greenhouse emissions.

"The sea-level rise may well exceed one metre by 2100 if we continue on our path of increasing emissions," said Stefan Rahmstorf, professor at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research.

"The ice loss in Greenland shows an acceleration in the last decade."

Konrad Steffen

"Even for a low emission scenario, the best estimate is about one metre."

Rahmstorf spoke at the International Scientific Congress on Climate Change in Copenhagen. The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2007 predicted global warming would cause sea levels to rise by between seven inches and 23 inches this century. The IPCC said at the time the estimate could not accurately take into account factors

such as the melting of ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica. Many scientists criticized the number as too conservative.

"The ice loss in Greenland shows an acceleration during the last decade," said veteran Greenland researcher Konrad Steffen, director of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

John

Church, a researcher at the Centre for Australian Weather and Climate Research in Hobart, said rising oceans will lead to more frequent devastating floods in coastal areas.

The faster humans limit carbon dioxide emissions, the greater the chance to avoid the most extreme scenarios, he said.

"We could pass a threshold during the 21st century that can commit the world to metres of sea-level rise," he said. "Short-term emission goals are critical."

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CAW votes on GM cost-saving deal

UNION Members of the Canadian Auto Workers union are voting on a tentative deal with General Motors Canada that would result in savings of several dollars an hour in costs for active workers and cost reductions for retirees. The results of the vote are expected late today. CAW leaders have fully endorsed the agreement.

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Ballard Power sees no '09 profit

FORECAST Vancouver-based Ballard Power Systems said yesterday that it does not expect to turn a profit in 2009, based on the Canadian fuel cell developer's growth forecasts, which are not being hurt by cancelled orders.

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Chicago U.S. stocks rebound



Traders react in the S&P 500 pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange yesterday. U.S. stocks rose about five per cent yesterday after Citigroup reported profitability in the first two months of 2009 and a key lawmaker said he expects the restoration of a rule that makes it harder to bet that a share's price will fall.

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Rich Dad's Solution to the Economic Crisis on Wall Street

PROTECT Yourself & Even PROFIT In Today's Volatile Market

Now is NOT the time to rely on banks and brokers who get paid even when your portfolio tanks.

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The power of traffic

Company looks to roads, railways for energy

An Israeli energy startup wants to turn irritating rush hour traffic into a source of electricity.

Innowattech, a company affiliated with Israel's Technion Institute of Technology, said special generators placed under roads, railways and runways can harvest enough energy from passing vehicles to mass-produce electricity.

The generators contain material that produces electricity when mechanical force is applied, like the pressure from a passing car's tires.

The process, known as

Timeline

Innowattech's Uri Amit said the first pilot program will begin in the coming months on a 30-metre strip of highway outside Tel Aviv, and that similar projects could start internationally in 2010.

piezoelectricity, has been used for years on a smaller scale, including in barbecue lighters and a dance club where dancers' feet light the floor.

Uri Amit, chairman of Innowattech, said the com-

pany's technology will be the largest application of piezoelectrics to date, with a single one-kilometre lane of highway providing up to 100 kilowatts of electricity, enough to power about 40 houses.

The technology has its limitations since it can collect a steady flow of electricity only from busy roads and rails. But Amit said that in any case, peak-hour morning and evening demand for power coincide with heavy traffic at the start and end of the business day.

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AIG bailout good to banks as investors bleed

FUNDS The \$173-billion US government rescue of American International Group Inc. is stoking resentment among investors who see it as a backdoor taxpayer bailout of banks such as Goldman Sachs.

AIG continues to bleed red ink and its stock and bond holders have been crushed, but one group has suffered almost no damage: Banks that bought credit protection from AIG Financial Products.

Regulatory filings show that since the Federal Reserve announced its rescue of AIG on Sept. 15, about \$50 billion of government money has passed through the company to banks.

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Business in brief

MEDIA Canwest Global Communications Corp., Canada's biggest media company, faced the possibility of another debt crisis yesterday as the deadline

loomed for it to reach a new credit deal with its lenders.

MINING HudBay Minerals, which is facing a revolt from a

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Sports

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Roberts retires

Former Flame Gary Roberts ended his 21-year NHL career yesterday, announcing his retirement during a conference call. The move was expected after the Lightning placed the veteran forward on waivers last week and he was not claimed. Roberts, who began his career with the Flames, played his final NHL game in Calgary on March 1. He retires with 438 goals, 471 assists and 2,560 penalty minutes.

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Flames be-Deviled in Jersey

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THE SKINNY: A once-dreamy road trip has turned into a nightmare for the Flames. After winning their first two contests away from the friendly confines of the Pengrowth Saddledome, the Flames have now dropped three-straight road decisions.

THE QUICK START: At 10:22 of the first period, Olli Jokinen roofed a pass from David Moss past New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur to give the Flames a 1-0 lead.



Jamie Langenbrunner scores on Miikka Kiprusoff in the second period last night.

THE QUOTE: "Unbelievable pass by Mossler," Jokinen said during a first-period interview on Flames Pay-Per-View. "I just tried to get it high and it went in this time."

THE COMEBACK: Jamie Langenbrunner notched a

shorthanded goal early in the second period before Brian Rolston scored on a power play late in the middle frame to give the Devils the lead.

THE SECOND EFFORT: With the puck lying in the crease under Miikka Kiprusoff, New Jer-

sey forward Zach Parise worked hard to poke it into the Flames' net for his 39th of the season. The goal, just 1:15 into the final frame, stood up as the game winner.

THE RELIEF APPEARANCE:

Following Parise's goal, Curtis McElhinney replaced Kiprusoff in between the pipes. Kiprusoff made 25 saves before his early exit, while McElhinney stopped all three shots he faced.

THE DIFFERENCE: Brodeur made 35 saves to record his 549th career victory. The long-time Devil needs just three more victories to pass Patrick Roy for most career wins by a goaltender.

THE NEXT GAME: The Flames face another tough test tomorrow (5 p.m., Rogers Sportsnet, Fan 960) when they travel to Detroit.

NHL GMs look to crack down on staged fighting

The National Hockey League appears poised to reduce fighting.

NHL general managers proposed at the GM meetings yesterday that a 10-minute misconduct penalty be given to players who engage in staged fights after a faceoff.

They also suggested that the instigator rule be more strictly enforced, particularly in cases where a player wearing a visor initiates a fight or a player drops the gloves after a teammate has been bodychecked.

Of the first 500 fights this season, the NHL says 108 occurred right after a faceoff.



Another 118 came in instances where a player was responding to a teammate getting hit.

That number has risen sharply over the years because of the trend where players begin fights after almost any teammate gets hit.

In the past, that kind of response was usually reserved for times when a star player was taken out.

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Liverpool pounds Real Madrid
Liverpool thrashed Real Madrid 4-0 to move onto the quarter-finals in Champions League play yesterday. Other winners were Bayern Munich, Villareal and Chelsea. METRO NEWS SERVICES

I guess we like being pigeonholed

What's annoying isn't so much Canada losing to Italy in baseball on home soil the other night.

Forget pitching. That's sports and these things happen, albeit as another Canadian choke job on the international stage.

But as usual, most galling was certain Canadians' reaction. "Who cares? We suck," was a response from someone I know.

"At least we've got hockey," was another, perhaps the most annoying.

Given that only 12,000 and change bothered to show up for the game, it shook down pretty similar to the first two Blue Jays' home games any given

A bigger shocker

- The Netherlands defeated the Dominican Republic 2-1 last night to move on in the WBC. Venezuela beat Italy.



John Chick

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en season — almost a sell-out against the U.S. in the opener, and a smattering of folks for game two.

Could Team Canada have used more fans against Italy? Probably.

Sure, this World Baseball Classic thing is still in its infancy and hasn't caught on yet.

But will it ever in Canada?

Or will it just go the way of every other international sport we attempt to succeed at, but don't, in part because of lack of interest?

It's not news, but TV ratings indicate unity around hockey and curling (interesting for a country that prides itself on multiculturalism), but support for every other

sport is splintered into small groups.

As for the players, it's safe to say now there's always going to be a **Ryan Dempster** who just signed a contract, a **Rich Harden** who's hurt, a **Jamaal Magloire** who chooses politics over playing, or a **Samuel Dalembert** who gets kicked off a team for reasons never fully explained.

Just like there's always going to be the funding issues for non-winter sports that **Julian de Guzman** brings up in the media, that help encourage his brother **Jonathan** to play soccer for another country. It's no wonder some people on this continent think we all live in Igloos.

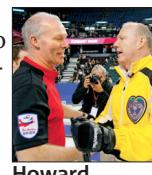
But like the other guy said, at least we've got hockey.

And Scandinavia, Minnesota and nobody else are very impressed.

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Martin, Howard still perfect

CURLING Kevin Martin and Glen Howard appear on a collision course for a rematch of last year's final at the Tim Hortons Brier. Martin, the reigning national and world champion, and Howard, who won the double-crown in 2007, have separated from the pack with perfect 7-0 records after four days at the Canadian men's curling championship.



Howard and Howard

Martin's Edmonton rink thumped B.C.'s Sean Geall 8-2 in the morning and then blasted Prince Edward Island's Rod MacDonald 11-4 in the afternoon. Howard beat up on his older brother, Russ Howard of New Brunswick, 7-2 in the morning draw and then took down Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba 8-5 last night. Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador is in third at 5-2.

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Service in time saves dime

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for Metro Canada

We've all felt the current recession's sting in one way or another, and an honest reaction would be to try and save as much money as possible by doing things ourselves rather than paying someone else. Doing basic maintenance and repairs on your vehicle can be simple. However, they have become so complicated in recent years that you can get in a lot of trouble very easily if something goes wrong.

Gary Grant, service manager at Willowdale Subaru in Toronto, and an automotive expert who currently contributes to TheGarage-Blog.com and Driven-

Wheels.com, advises: "Do a bit of research. Read the maintenance section of the owner's manual. Understand what the manufacturer considers important. Because we live in Canada, follow the manufacturer's 'severe' service schedule," he said.

"I'm often asked, 'Can't I do that myself?' My response is usually something along the lines of, 'I don't know. I'm not sure of what skills you have.' For the most part, the basics like oil changes haven't changed in terms of difficulty. However, oil changes are more important now than ever due to tighter build tolerances in engines. Do them on time. Don't reach for the cheap filter, buy the good one. Don't



Apart from simple do-it-yourself checks, it's important to know and take care of those aspects of vehicles that need regular maintenance to avoid costly repairs, car expert Gary Grant says.

miss an interval, ever."

Grant said that tire rotation could be a realistic task for those with proper equip-

ment.

CarCareCanada.ca, a website that helps consumers understand more

about their own vehicles, suggests other simple tasks that you can do yourself.

First, ensure that all your lights are functioning properly, including turn signals and brake lights. These are usually very easy to replace if they're burnt out. Next, check all the fluid levels under your hood, including engine oil, windshield washer, anti-freeze/coolant and transmission fluid. Check the terminals on your vehicle's battery for corrosion, and if you find some, have your technician clean them the next time your car's in for service.

Wiper blades and the frames themselves are also very easy to change, and you can purchase replacements at any auto parts store.

Riding the Recession

CarCareCanada.ca also recommends keeping good tire pressure to ensure your vehicle performs as it's supposed to, including fuel mileage.

Preventative maintenance is also vital to keeping your vehicle in top shape, and only a drop in the bucket compared to what you might pay if something goes horribly wrong.

"There are more than a few tales of consumers buying a new engine at 50,000 km because they missed a couple of oil changes and the engine failed," Grant warned.



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Intelligent Elantra

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With cars, size isn't everything. When hatchbacks are thoughtfully designed, they'll hold a lot more than their small footprints would suggest. That's the case with Hyundai's newest compact version, the 2009 Elantra Touring.

This isn't just an Elantra sedan with a liftgate, as was the case with the Elantra Hatchback, last seen for 2006. It's a model known as the i30 in Europe, Australia and Asia, and while it shares the Elantra's 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine, it has a different platform. European models are built in the Czech Republic, while ours come from Korea.

Four trim lines range from \$14,995 to \$21,195, with an extra \$1,200 on each to switch from five-speed manual to four-speed automatic.

At 138 horsepower, the Touring isn't the most powerful in the segment, but this isn't really a category for brute strength. It



feels lively enough, even when climbing hills, and gets loud only when punched hard to get around highway traffic.

Handling is much better than expected, with nicely-weighted steering, minimal body lean in corners, small steering wheel, and smooth return from sharp curves. The ride is firm, but while you feel bumps on bad roads, the suspension doesn't crash over them.

The base L trim line comes with power windows and locks, but you must move up to the Preferred Package, at \$2,250 more, to get A/C, keyless entry, heated seats, side and curtain airbags, anti-

lock brakes, and active front head restraints, which help prevent whiplash. What's missing on all models is electronic stability control. It's standard or optional elsewhere, including the U.S., but not offered here because it would have pushed the price too high, Hyundai Canada says.

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- WHERE: Calgary Roundup Centre and Corral in Stampede Park.
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In addition to the regular models, many of the company's will be showcasing their latest and most innovative concept cars.

People come to the car show for many different reasons. Some are car aficionados, and others are car appreciators, while many are there looking to buy. Those in the market for a new vehicle are in luck. There are many dealers at the show who offer specials on pricing and add-ons. Professional sales personnel are there to provide attendees with all the information they need about prospective vehicles.

Jim Gillespie, executive manager of the Calgary Mo-

tor Dealers Association, says that the car show is not only a fun way to preview the newest and best cars to the public, but this year, especially, it should help to boost lagging car sales in the midst of Calgary's recession. "Generally, the car show marks the kick off to the selling season," Gillespie says, "and we're hoping that the 75 dealers the CMDA represents will be helped out even more this year."

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Perhaps the best part of the show are the nearly unattainable (for most of us) European beauties that are on display. With names like Ferrari, Maserati, and Lamborghini, these cars are just as much pieces of art to be admired, as they are road powerhouses.

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Visitors to Europe will have to comply with new import laws for animal products, with strict amounts set for everything from oysters and snails to honey, pet food and baby milk powder, the EU executive has said. **REUTERS**

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Caye Caulker's laid-back lifestyle

Belize backpacker haven is quite content to fly under the radar

DAVID WHITLEY
for Metro Canada



As the sun slowly crawls down the skyline, the cares of the world are far away. At a table almost enveloped in water, a group sits in their swimwear, knocking back beers number eight and nine.

They're cheering on the guys by the diving board, who are attempting ever more ambitious plunges into the fast-flowing channel that divides the two halves of the island.

The crowd gathered at the Lazy Lizard bar are a clue to what Caye Caulker offers. Off the coast of Belize and situated next to the

Caye Caulker

- There are no direct flights to Belize City from Canada — flights with American Airlines, aa.com, from major hubs generally involve a change in Miami.
- From Belize City, it's necessary to get a ferry to Caye Caulker. Geckos Adventures,

geckosadventures.com, has a 10-day tour between Cancun, Mexico and Antigua, Guatemala, which stops off at Caye Caulker for two nights.

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world's second biggest barrier reef, it has become something of a secret backpacker hotspot.

Caye Caulker doesn't have any beach worth speaking of, and this is arguably what helps it to retain its character. The resorts are never going to take over in the same way

that they have on Ambergris Caye further north purely because the masses have no sandy stretches to lie on.

It's an island of bright clapboard guesthouses, an anything goes attitude and a slow, shuffling pace. Within minutes of arriving, hectic hurrying is reduced to a contented shamble along the colourful main drag, and two-for-one daiquiris before lunch seem mighty tempting.

It's a seriously relaxed place. Everything works on island time, happy hours last "until everyone is happy," and any sartorial advance on shorts and flip-flops is completely over-dressed.

Many visitors to Caye Caulker are lured by diving or snorkelling trips with rays and manatees, but stay because of the vibe. It's the sort of place that sucks people in.

Many will come for two days, extend for a couple more and before they know it, they've not seen their family for 12 years.

Hence, the ranks of those that live on Caye Caulker are multinational. Boat



SHERI BIGELOW

A view of the waterfront in Caye Caulker.

skippers from Nicaragua, crew from Canada, dive shop managers from the UK and grocery store owners from China are common.

It's a place where the party is never planned, but one could break out at any time. A quiet bar can morph into a sin-packed reggae club in which some of the dirtiest bumping and grinding imaginable takes place.

And then the next morning, one of those dancers may well turn out to be the captain of the reef trip boat. Turning up 40 minutes late for the tour with a pounding head, then throwing a series of empty beer bottles off his rainbow-coloured vessel before departure is absolutely par for the course.

But if you finally do get out into the Hol Chan Ma-

rine Reserve, it's a wonderful playground. It becomes something of an aquatic highlight reel. Alongside the manatees and rays are sharks (not the man-eating variety), eels, barracudas and turtles. Throw in brain coral and thousands of brightly coloured fish, and snorkelers are pretty much guaranteed to hit the jackpot.

Despite this, the reef is just a pleasant bonus for those that kick back on Caye Caulker.

If there's one place that perfectly captures the island's ridiculously laid-back vibe, it's Jolly Roger's Grill. To call it a restaurant would be going a little bit far — it's just one man and his oil can barbecue, with a few tables scattered by the beach. There are generally only two or three menu options, and the dishes come served

in polystyrene boxes.

Doesn't sound all that promising, does it? But the old adage of never trusting a skinny chef comes into play here. Roger is enormous, and as jolly as the name of the restaurant suggests.

He also makes the best snapper in garlic sauce you'll ever taste, and routinely grills lobsters for virtually nothing, as if they were common-or-garden chicken fillets from a budget supermarket.

Nothing fazes him — if 20 people turn up at once, he just dishes out free rum punches while he cooks, and sends a friend down to what passes for a supermarket in order to get some hot sauce. He's Caye Caulker through and through — a drink, a smile and a "no problem" is the cure for all ills.

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Road to Recovery

Law & Order: SVU's Mariska Hargitay is on the road to recovery, and will likely be solving on-screen crimes again soon. Hargitay was hospitalized for the third time last week for discomfort related to a collapsed lung, which she suffered in January. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

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The cure for a crisis

Knowing and other fantasy films offer escape from reality

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Last week saw the release of Zack Snyder's Watchmen, a mammoth, morally dubious super-hero saga whose dramatic arc rests on questions of sacrificing mankind in order to save it.

And now we have cult filmmaker Alex Proyas' blockbuster science fiction thriller Knowing — out next Friday — a picture that veers into apocalyptic dread and alien paranoia but in its subtext, is really offering a shocking solution to our planet's myriad of cultural, economical and environmental problems.

It's a classic case of using fantasy to cloak sophisticated musings on reality.

Since cinema started, periods of social, political and, yes, financial stress have caused some of the most profound and thoughtful genre movies to come crawling out of the ether, offering both glossy escape from reality and hard stares directly into it.

This was true in the 1920s in Germany, when the battered post-First World War youth culture gave birth to the nightmarish films of the expressionist movement, which led to the Great Depression sparked advent of earthy, gothic horror films in the

Movie feature

U.S.

The 1950s saw a McCarthy paranoia fuelled populace wither under an onslaught of allegorical alien invasion thrillers, while in the early 1970s, as the news spat out violent images of Vietnam, people gravitated toward mind-bending techno-shockers that showed mankind at its morally lowest.

And now, as North America struggles to dig itself out from under a seemingly unyielding economic crisis and with the war in Iraq and Afghanistan continuing to rack up casualties, multi-

plexes are being besieged by a new wave of anxious, dark and ultimately fascinating films, pictures that offer a bleak world view coupled with elements of the supernatural and metaphysical.

"What I've always liked about the fantasy, horror and science fiction genres is that it heightens the background noise of the characters," says Proyas — who also directed Dark City and The Crow — about the genre he chiefly toils in.

"It gives people them an extreme version of the real world to see how people react in it. But no matter how strange events can get, it's always about the



New Moon

Kristen Stewart thinks New Moon will be "bigger and better" than Twilight. The actress is about to reprise her role as Bella Swan in the second installment of the vampire franchise.

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Rose Byrne, left, and Nicolas Cage star in a scene from the upcoming film Knowing, which opens in theatres next Friday.

humanity. Sometimes you really have to look deeply for it, but it's always there, driving the story."

Film is, and always will be a mirror and though the heavy shadow of recession

looms large, some comfort lies in the promise that because of this, Hollywood might continue releasing lavish entertainments that actually challenge and confront us.

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Hell hath no fury like a Facebook ex scorned

INTERNET Breaking up is hard enough, but making that split when your lives are intertwined in the sticky interweb of social networking technology requires new breakup skills.

Cynthia (not real name, too embarrassed) managed the initial separation with her boyfriend. But she can't Facebook break up with him.

"I avoid posting things with boys in them just in case he gets jealous, and then other times I do post things with boys just to make him jealous," she says. "I'm a whack job, I know."

In the days, weeks and now months since ending things, the former couple has used the social networking site to communicate peripherally and spy on each other. Her friends say they are close to an intervention.

"I'm stalking him," admits Cynthia. "And he's stalking me. And I know he is, so I do things because I know that he's looking."

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How to survive

Here is how you can avoid ending up like Cynthia:

- Step 1: Break up. You can do it in any fashion: Through a handsome display of calligraphy; with or without lawyers; a staring-contest, the winner of which keeps the dog; by telegraph or notarized letter; Woody Allen-style (never recommended) or just a good old-fashioned face-to-face breakup.
- Step 2: Divide friends. It's going to happen anyway. Friends will ditch you because they like your wife better. Better to make it official.
- Step 3: Unfriend and block. That online contact is a set of car keys when you have had too much to drink. Hand over the keys before you find yourself making bad decisions at 3 a.m. Say your weepy goodbyes, go to the privacy settings, and enter your ex's name under people to block. You won't be able to hear from them, search for them or see their presence. And they won't be able to see you.

March from computer screen to big screen

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

FEATURE How do you land a deal to write, direct and star in your own movie with a major film studio? Well, upload your funniest gags on the Internet of course.

Hey, it worked for Trevor Moore and Zach Cregger.

Two-fifths of the sketch comedy troupe Whitest Kids U Know, Moore and Cregger somehow went from uploading wacky homemade videos on YouTube to signing a major deal to make the comedy Miss March (in theatres Friday).

"We owe everything to the Internet," admitted Moore during a recent interview in Toronto. "We started putting our stuff online (right around the time YouTube launched). There wasn't a whole lot of sketch comedy on YouTube yet so we kind of benefited from just being there right at the beginning."

That they did. But with all the Kids' fame (their web page claims over three million monthly visitors after all), stepping straight into the shoes of big-screen big-wigs would not be an



Trevor Moore and Zach Cregger launched their fame on the YouTube and it eventually landed them a major deal to make their roadtrip comedy Miss March (above).

"We owe everything to the Internet."

Trevor Moore,
filmmaker

easy adjustment.

"Our show's a low-budget program that I think we make it look really good for the amount of money that we spend on it but our crew is probably 20 people," said Moore.

"When we got to the

movie, there's like 80 or a 100 people that are all running around and you're like, 'I've never seen that person before; I don't know any of these people' and it was a little overwhelming."

Eventually, Moore and Cregger got over their daunting task and put forth a teen comedy about a young guy who awakens from a coma only to be whisked off on a zany road trip by a pal bent on reuniting him with a high school sweetheart-turned-

Playboy centerfold.

"One of the things we talked about when we decided to re-write the script was (that) we wanted to make a road movie that we would like to watch so we tried to push everything a little bit," said Moore.

"The outrageous stuff is little more outrageous than most of the road trip movies we've seen ... it kind of lives in a sketch universe in some way but we tried to ground it enough so that it still works as a real movie."

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Anna the alien

ABC's V reboot has found its alien leader, and her face is familiar to sci-fi fans. Morena Baccarin — Firefly's Inara and Stargate SG-1's Adria — has landed the lead role of Anna, says the Hollywood Reporter. [TVGUIDE.COM](#)



The gimmick's up

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada



Gimmicky challenges and his own gimmicky designs finally brought Hamilton designer Jason Meyers' journey to a halt on last night's episode of Project Runway Canada.

Last night's unusual material of choice was Post-It notes and designers were challenged to use the sticky paper strips to create a dress for a breast cancer survivor.

Meyers, 31, used fluorescent yellow and pink Post-Its to create an enormous gown that judges called "a train wreck" and he was sent home.

He says doing the show was a great learning experience that forced him to think differently and gave him a chance to share ideas with like-minded individuals.

"It was definitely a growing experience as a designer for me. I developed more and it was cool to see different techniques and styles from the other designers," Meyers said.

Iman and the other judges frequently referred to Meyers as a "gimmicky" designer, but he insists he just did his best with challenges that were innately strange, like using old wedding dresses for fabric or making a gown out of Post-It notes.

"The challenges I found were gimmicky themselves, so I kind of just went for it," Meyers said.

Tasked with creating a camouflage dress in week one, Meyers built a dress with a tail that could be pulled over the model's head to hide her. In another week, Meyers sewed in thumb fasteners across the surface of a dress to let it go from day to evening by having the model clip parts of it up or down.

He admits time and budget constraints were the biggest challenge on the show and he's proud of having made it as far as he did.



Designer Jason Meyers was sent home last night.

"We only had one zipper and \$100 to buy fabric — that was really hard. I didn't give up and tried to work through it as best as I could," Meyers said.

Meyers is proudest to have won week two's challenge, when Canadian actress Elisha Cuthbert picked his classic, black Hollywood dress for herself to wear, calling it "beautifully made."

Unlike some of the designers who engaged in back-biting drama on the

show, Meyers says his goal was always to be a neutral force and focus on his own work. "I just tried to do my own thing. I wouldn't sabotage anybody because we're all designers, we're all there for the same reason," Meyers said.

When to watch

• Project Runway Canada airs on Tuesday nights on Global.

Fonda opens on Broadway after 46 years

THEATRE Oscar-winning actress Jane Fonda opened on Broadway for the first time in 46 years Monday, starring as a terminally ill academic researching the late work of Beethoven in the play 33 Variations.

An opening night audience at the Eugene O'Neill theater including Renee Zellweger, Dolly Parton, Geoffrey Rush and Rosie O'Donnell turned out to see the play, which was written and directed by Moises Kaufman.

33 Variations, which co-stars Samantha Mathis and Colin Hanks, tells the story of Beethoven's fascination with a trivial waltz and modern-day musicologist Fonda's determination to ferret out the root of his obsession. Fonda's troubled relationship with her daughter, played by Mathis, rounds out the plot as the two struggle with Fonda's battle against ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease.

The 71-year old actress made her Broadway debut in the 1960 play There Was a Little Girl.

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Criminal Minds

The members of the Behavioral Analysis Unit investigate a series of deaths with eerie religious overtones, but none of them is more unsettled than Prentiss (Paget Brewster), who has a personal connection to one of the victims. 10 PM on KREM

Life

Crews and Stark (Damian Lewis, Brent Sexton) are drawn into the world of extreme corporate power while investigating the stabbing death of a soldier killed while on leave in Los Angeles. Meanwhile, Crews makes a startling discovery, thanks to Amanda Puryear (Helen McCrory, aka Mrs. Damian Lewis), who was the late Mickey Rayborn's security specialist. 10 PM on KHQ

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Rihanna & Brown recording a duet?

MUSIC Rihanna and Chris Brown are recording a duet, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple — who have reconciled after Brown allegedly assaulted Rihanna in his rented Lamborghini car last month — are said to be working on a song for Brown's new album, which is due out later this year.

A source said: "They've been working on it together."

The pair is believed to be recording with producer Polow Da Don — who wrote the Pussycat Dolls hit Buttons — in a Santa Monica studio. Neither Brown nor Rihanna's representatives have commented on

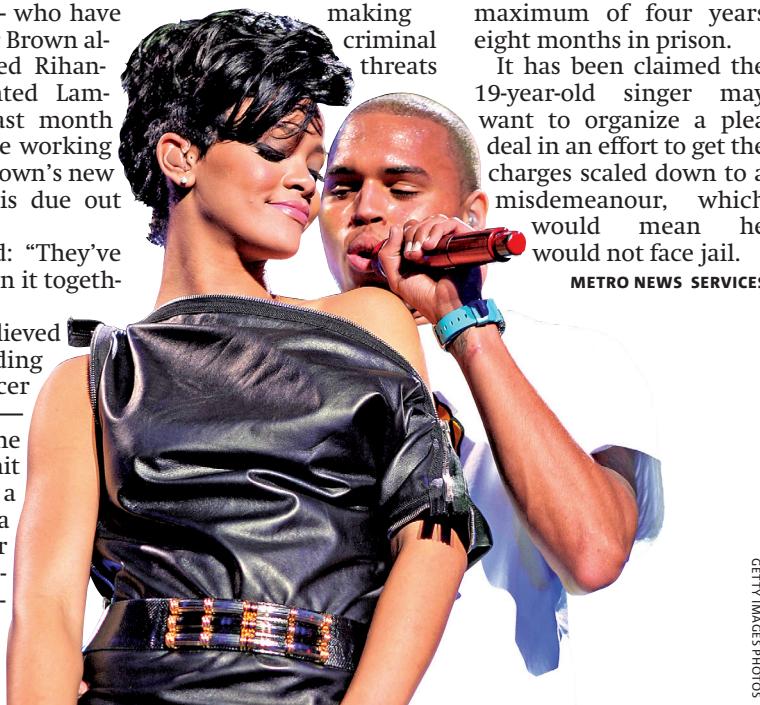
the claims.

Last week, Chris was charged with two felonies — assault and making criminal threats

— in relation to the alleged attack on Rihanna. He is yet to enter a plea, but if convicted he faces a maximum of four years eight months in prison.

It has been claimed the 19-year-old singer may want to organize a plea deal in an effort to get the charges scaled down to a misdemeanour, which would mean he would not face jail.

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Victoria won't have baby while David away

FAMILY Victoria Beckham has reportedly told husband David she won't have another baby while he is living in Italy, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Although the soccer hunk is keen to have a fourth child, the former Spice Girl has reportedly told him it is not feasible while he is playing soccer for AC Milan and she and their three sons are living in the

U.S., where Beckham was playing for the Los Angeles Galaxy.

A source said: "The baby issue is a bit of a sore point. In Victoria's eyes it's not the right time. David's future with Los Angeles Galaxy is so uncertain that planning for another child is, in Victoria's eyes, premature. First, they need to sort out where they are going to be living."

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Barton talks about beau on her blog

RELATIONSHIP Mischa Barton took to her blog yesterday to clear the air about her recent split with musician beau, Luke Pritchard, popeater.com reports. Although she says the two will remain friends, Barton wrote that "the bad just started to

outweigh the good and a long distance relationship is never an easy thing to do."

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Miley's health condition

HEALTH Miley Cyrus has a condition called tachycardia, which causes her heart rate to speed up, she reveals in her new autobiography, Miles to Go, usmagazine.com reports.

"The type of tachycardia I have isn't dangerous. It won't hurt me, but it does bother me," she writes. "There is never a time onstage when I'm not thinking about my heart."

Cyrus also dedicates a chapter to her "Prince Charming," who appears to be ex Nick Jonas.

"Wow! I was so in love," she says. "Do you know what I'm talking about? The kind of love where the sun could shine or not shine all day long and you wouldn't care."

After they split, she penned 7 Things I Hate About You. "I wanted to punish him, to get back at him for hurting me. It starts with a list of what I 'hate.' But I'm not a hater."

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Sets for Blunt's new film were 'realistic'

CAREER Emily Blunt says sets on her new movie were so realistic they made her "heave," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress plays a crime scene cleaner in independent comedy Sunshine Cleaning and admits the stench while filming some scenes almost overpowered her.

"Oh, they were realistic. Particularly the trailer park one — that was gag-making. We walked on set and I felt myself heave, as it really did smell," she said.

"And we had a fly wrangler on set. He breathes smoke on them, and they get a bit hazy and are not quite so sprightly — I don't

know how he does it."

To prepare for the movie, Blunt and her co-star Amy Adams became "obsessed" with watching crime shows on TV — but admits their plan to get used to the grisly setting was unsuccessful.

She added to the New York Daily News newspaper: "It didn't really help when it came to the gore and dealing with the decomposition. So a guy came in who did it for a living to talk to us. He was very clinical and showed us what he does. He relished showing us some of the horrific pictures and hearing us screaming at them."

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Octuplets set to go home soon

PEOPLE As they grow stronger in the hospital, Nadya Suleman's octuplets are getting closer to coming home to a larger, recently purchased house — where it looks like they'll have a free fleet of skilled nurses, people.com reports.

The Suleman family is buying a house in Orange County, Calif., that's nearly twice as large as the one where Nadya, 33, the mother of the U.S.'s longest-surviving octuplets, lives with her six older children in Whittier.

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Parton criticizes Simpson scrutiny

GOSSIP Dolly Parton — whom Jessica Simpson has described as her idol — is glad scrutiny on the 28-year-old singer's weight seems to be dying down, usmagazine.com reports.

"She's obviously an amazing and talented singer — and one with real heart," Parton told usmagazine.com Monday at the Broadway opening night of 33 Variations. "I just wish people would focus on her voice — that's what she's doing. That's why she's so special. She's a beautiful girl."



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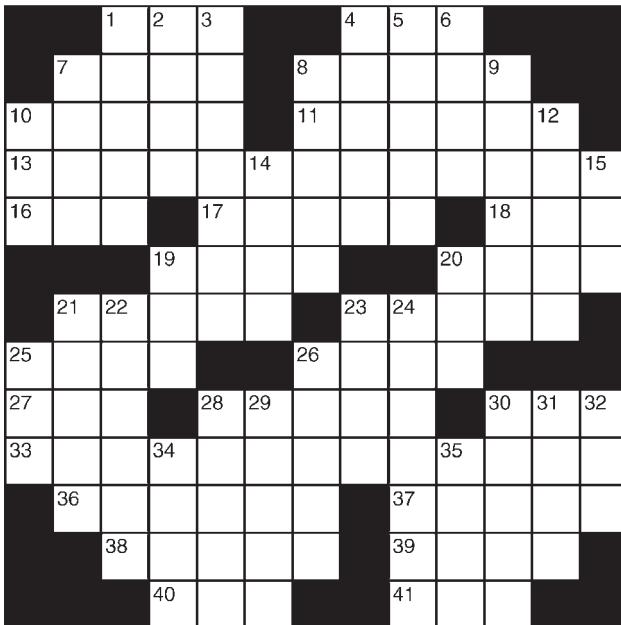
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**Crossword across**

- 1 Ruin the veneer
 4 Turf
 7 Asian desert
 8 Garden intruder
 10 "Peer Gynt" composer
 11 Go ashore
 13 Where the Tar River flows
 16 Hawaiian musicmaker
 17 Rock opera by The Who
 18 Encyclopedia bk.
 19 Courts
 20 Bigfoot's cousin
 21 Metallic noise
 23 Senses
 25 Unyielding
 26 Minimal change
 27 Two, in Tijuana
 28 Dieter's entree
 30 "Gee, ya think?"
 33 Neil Diamond classic
 36 Checked cotton fabric
 37 Like Chicago, it's said
 38 Mah-jongg pieces
 39 Therefore
 40 Roulette bet
 41 Rotation duration

Crossword down

- 1 Ripple pattern
 2 Help a prankster
 3 "You betcha!"
 4 Whale variety
 5 "Wow!"
 6 Use an old phone
 7 Understand, in sci-fi lingo
 8 Washington's successor
 9 Nonsense
 10 Wildebeest
 12 Entanglements
 14 Diner employee
 15 Foreman foe
 19 Pale
 20 Still
 21 Throng
 22 Go postal
 23 Phobia
 24 Provided an income for
 25 Egos' counterparts
 26 Sculpting mediums
 28 Subway entrance
 29 Played a part
 30 Unclean
 31 Destroy
 32 "Yo!"
 34 Eastern potentate
 35 Old Italian money

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

B	I	E	R	R	F	D	E	W	E	S	E
L	O	P	E	O	L	E	M	O	T	E	
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D	I	O	S	F	E	Z	P	E	S	P	O

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Under 13 min Genius
 13-17 min Scholar

1	8	5	9	2	3	4	7	6
7	2	9	6	4	5	3	1	8
6	3	4	1	7	8	2	9	5
3	4	8	5	1	9	7	6	2
2	9	6	4	8	7	1	5	3
5	7	1	2	3	6	9	8	4
9	6	7	3	5	2	8	4	1
8	1	2	7	6	4	5	3	9
4	5	3	8	9	1	6	2	7

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9	6				2	1			
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4			2	6					
1				7	2	9			
				6					
8	7		9				5		
			3	8				4	
		4		5	6				1
3	5					7			

Horoscopes**ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

You're like an acrobat with no safety net. Make a comedy of a bad situation. It's not a good time to clean your closets.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Your charm gets in the way of facing problems. Take care of pressing business. Make progress toward forgiveness.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Don't bet on getting an inheritance. Take the initiative in making a fresh start. A secret meeting will clarify needs and desires.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

A smart remark causes a volatile situation. Look for closure in a failed endeavor. There's sorrow behind a sudden departure.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23****VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

A slender person is telling the truth. A woman will be open to a wonderful possibility. An attractive stranger wants to start a family.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

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